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To: USDA Forest Service Forest Supervisors within the Area of the Northwest Forest

Plan and USDI Bureau of Land Management District Managers (Coos Bay,

Eugene, Lakeview, Medford, Roseburg, Salem) and Field Managers (Klamath Falls

and Tillamook, OR. and Arcata, Redding and Ukiah, CA.)

Subject: Implementation of 2003 Survey and Manage Annual Species Review

The annual review for Survey and Manage (S&M) species has been completed for 2003 in compliance with the 2001 Record of Decision (ROD) for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines (S&Gs), and the changes recommended in this review are hereby adopted (Attachment 1).

The Regional Interagency Executive Committee (RIEC) has reviewed the record of work compiled during the Annual Species Review including documentation of new information for individual species and notes on panel discussions, comments, and recommendations and found that the recommended changes for each species are within the expectations for adaptive response to new information as described in the 2001 ROD for S&M. The Supplemental Information Report, prepared for the 2003 Annual Species Review, documents that the predicted effects of the S&M mitigation measure will not significantly change from those described in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS), which accompanied the 2001 ROD.

This memorandum changes the category placement for species displayed in Table 1-1 of the 2001 S&M ROD, as amended March 14, 2003. The specific changes are summarized in the attached Results and Implementation Summary table (Attachment 1) and are included in the revised Table 1-1 (Attachment 2). Each change documented for each species in the Results and Implementation Summary table represents a separate and independent decision even though they are all being transmitted in this one memorandum correspondence. Implementation requirements for the different provisions of the S&M Standards and Guidelines are provided below and summarized in Attachment 1. This decision is effective today.

Application to Management Activities in the Planning Phase with No Signed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Decision or Decision Document as of the Effective Date of This Decision

Implementation of Manage Known Site Requirement.

The manage known site requirement is effective immediately for the entire range of *Fuscopannaria saubinetii* (syn. *Pannaria saubinetii*) that has moved from Category F to Category E and in the extended ranges for the 17 fungi species that have a range extension documented and remain in Category B.

Implementation of Pre-Disturbance Survey Requirement.

Pre-disturbance survey protocols will need to be prepared for one lichen (*Pseudocyphellaria perpetua*) that moved from Category B to Category A. A survey protocol will be prepared by the end of FY 2005 and, assuming it is a 1-year survey protocol, will apply to all activities for which NEPA decisions or decision documents are signed no sooner than one year after its official release and no later than the end of FY 2006. The actual effective date will be set in the Survey Protocol or the Agencies' transmittal memo.

Pre-disturbance surveys will be required in the portion of the range for *Arborimus longicaudus* that moved from Category D to Category C. This survey requirement applies to activities whose NEPA decision or decision document is signed in the calendar quarter following the first full season (as defined in the protocol) after the date of this decision.

Pre-disturbance surveys will no longer be required in the portion of the range in which a species has been removed from S&M.

NEPA Documentation for Habitat Disturbing Activities.

Future agency NEPA decisions or decision documents for habitat disturbing activities should incorporate by reference the results of the 2003 S&M Annual Species Review to document the changes affected by this memorandum. Refer to the 2001 ROD, pages 8-9, 2001 ROD S&Gs, pages 18-19; Forest Service November 20, 2001, memorandum, file code 1900/2620; and BLM Information Bulletin No. OR-2002-033 for further details, (www.or.blm.gov/surveyandmanage/).

Application to Management Activities with Signed NEPA Decisions or Decision Documents Before the Effective Date of This Decision

For activities under awarded contract or signed permit, or if actual habitat disturbance has already commenced using agency crews:

None of the changes from the FY2003 Annual Species Review are applied to these projects.

If activities are not under an awarded contract or signed permit, or actual habitat disturbance by agency crews has not begun:

Implementation of Manage Known Site Requirement.

Sites of species now requiring management of known sites will be managed as described under *Application of Manage Known Sites Direction* under the Timing Requirements for Pre-Disturbance Surveys section on page 24 of the 2001 ROD S&Gs. This applies to the extended ranges for the 17 fungi species that have a range extension documented and remain in Category B.

For the nine species removed from S&M in all or part of their range, the manage known site requirement is no longer in effect in the removed portion of the range.

<u>Implementation of Pre-Disturbance Survey Requirement.</u>

Pre-disturbance surveys previously required for the three species previously listed as Category A or "equivalent effort" and removed from S&M as a result of this decision should have already been completed for projects with signed NEPA decisions or decision documents. If, however, surveys have not been completed, then pre-disturbance surveys will no longer be required since the entire range of these species have been removed from S&M.

Additional Support

For additional information regarding applicability of these findings, please refer to the series of Question and Answer memoranda (for the Forest Service, March 20, 2001, file code 1920/2430; June 26, 2001, file code 1920/2600; and November 20, 2001, file code 1900/2620; for the Bureau of Land Management, Instruction Memorandum No. OR-2001-036, Information Bulletin No. OR-2001-214, and Information Bulletin No. OR-2002-033), (www.or.blm.gov/surveyandmanage/).

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2 Attachments

- 1 2003 Annual Species Review Results and Implementation Summary (3pp)
- 2 Table 1-1. Species Included in S&M Standards and Guidelines and Category Assignment (December 2003) (8pp)

BLM Distribution

WO-230 (Room 204LS) CA-330 (Paul Roush)

CA-930 (Tony Danna)

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